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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SOUTH YEMENI PREMIER

1. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE DEC 2 IN LEFTIST WEEKLY, AL BALAGH, SOUTH YEMENI PREMIER ALI NASSER MOHAMMED ACCUSED SAUDI ARABIA OF "EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS WHICH IT TRIES TO REALIZE BY MEANS OF CONSPIRACIES AND AGGRESSION AGAINST DEMOCRATIC YEMEN AND OTHER COUNTRIES." AS EVIDENCE OF SAUDI HOSTILITY, MOHAMMED CITED SAG'S ALLEGED REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTH YEMEN AND ITS HIRING OF "MERCENARIES TO UNDERTAKE ACTS OF SABOTAGE." WARMING TO HIS SUBJECT, MOHAMMED CHARGED THAT SAG NOW FINANCING "SULTANS AND HIRELINGS OF IMPERIALISM AND TRAINING CAMPS" FOR USE AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN AND DENOUNCED PROPAGANDA WAR CONDUCTED VIA SAUDI NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS. WORST AFFRONT, HE CONCLUDED, WAS OCCUPATION OF SOUTH YEMEN TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY WADIA BORDER REGION, BY SAUDI TROOPS.

2. TURNING ATTENTION TO OMAN, MOHANNED STATED "WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH A REGIME DOMINATED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPERIALISM, FOREIGN POWERS AND LOCAL REACTIONARY FORCES."

MOHAMMED SAID ADEN WILLING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES THAT HAVE "REAL INDEPENDENCE," BUT THAT OMANI REGIME HAS RELINGUISHED SOVEREIGNTY TO "IMPERIALISM AND IRAN." BECUASE OMANI "HIRELINGS" ADMIT DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN MILITARY, MOHAMMED ADDED, THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR REMAINING IN POWER OR FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THEM. MOHAMMED PROMISED CONTINUED SOUTH YEMENI SUPPORT FOR "OMANI PEOPLE AND THEIR ARMED REVOLUTION" (READ PFLO) AND PROMISED ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS "ONCE OMANI PEOPLE REALIZE THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND REGIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM."

3. ACCORDING TO MOHAMMED, BORDER TENSION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN HAS BEEN DEFUSED BY DIALOUGE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIESAND "ALL RIFLES ARE AIMED NOW AT ENEMIES OF THE YEMENI PEOPLE."
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